

I am sending this message in support of Pike On Line's complaints to the FCC regarding Verizon's entry into the Pike County market and its subsequent actions regarding competition. It would appear that Verizon is using its size and power to eliminate all competition from the marketplace and creating a monopoly - in the playground, this behavior is called bullying. It is our hope that the FCC can provide rulings that will create an atmosphere where free competition can survive. If Verizon will provide services equal to or better than those of Pike On Line at a reasonable cost, they will eliminate the competition naturally. There efforts should take that direction, rather than that of denying access to ISP providers and raising rates to the point where competition cannot flourish.,
Sincerely, Irene DeVito